Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Merle Lamp and Agnes Brakke exchanged their wedding vows on October 1, 1946, at the Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Elkton, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Merle and Agnes gave life and love to two children, Linda and Michael, and they have been additionally blessed with 10 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Merle and Agnes grew up as neighbors within a few miles of each other, attending the same schools and learning the value of hard work, tenacity, family, charity and a deep Christian faith, all traits that were instrumental in bringing them together; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 60 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Merle and Agnes have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2006, as

MERLE AND AGNES LAMP DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State